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TO USDOC WASHDC
INFO SECSTATE WASHDC 584
AMEMBASSY JIDDA
AMCONSUL DHAHRAN
AMEMBASSY ATHENS

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USDOC FOR CAGNE (MCCANLEY)

ATHENS FOR RTDO

EO 11652: NA
TAGS: BEXP, SA
SUBJ: SAUDI TRADE MISSION TO U.S.

REF RIYADH 431

1. FOLLOW-UP ON SUBJECT MISSION HAS CONTINUED BY
EMBASSY PROPOSING SUBJECT IN DIPLOMATIC NOTE TO FORMIN.
2. IN CONVERSATION TODAY DEPUTY MINISTER HAMDAN ASKED USLO
WHETHER IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR USDOC TO ASSIST SOME KIND OF
LESS FORMAL MISSION WHICH HE WOULD LIKE ARRANGE TO VISIT US IN
SEPTEMBER. WHILE THIS WOULD NOT BE THE MAJOR, THEME-TYPE MISSION
UNDER DISCUSSION, IT WOULD BE A GOOD START FOR DEVELOPING
A SERIES OF MORE FORMAL MISSIONS.
3. USLO WOULD LIKE CAGNE'S RESPONSE AS TO WHAT THEY ARE
PREPARED TO DO TO ASSIST SUCH A GROUP ON RELATIVELY SHORT
NOTICE AND EXACTLY HOW MUCH LEAD TIME IS NECESSARY. THIS
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- PARTICULAR TRIP MIGHT BE LITTLE MORE THAN A
SOUPED-UP FBP OUTING, BUT POSSIBLE PARTICIPATION OF DEPUTY
MINISTER INDICATES DISIRABILITY OF SOME SPECIAL EFFORT.
4. SINCE JIDDA COMMERCIAL OFFICER LARON JENSEN WILL BE
RETURNING US AT CONVENIENT TIME FOR THIS MISSION, USLO AND
EMBASSY PROPOSE JENSEN BE DESIGNATED CONTROL OFFICER.

APPOINTMENT WILL BE ARRANGED FOR JENSEN TO DISCUSS MISSION WITH HAMDAN IN RIYADH NEXT WEEK; HAMDAN HAS BEEN ASKED TO SUPPLY NAMES AND BUSINESS INTERESTS OF PROPOSED PARTICIPANTS. AFTER MEETINGS IN RIYADH, JENSEN WILL BE WELL PREPARED TO COORDINATE WITH USLO ON THIS PROJECT WHEN HE RETURNS USDOC.

5. FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION WITH HAMDAN NEXT WEEK IT WILL BE HELPFUL IF CAGNE CAN ALSO PROVIDE USLO STATEMENT REGARDING EXACTLY WHAT SERVICES USDOC IS PREPARED TO PROVIDE PROPOSED THEME-TYPE MISSION. ALSO PROVIDE LATEST THINKING ON WHICH INDUSTRIES THAT CAN CONTRIBUTE TO KINGDOM'S DEVELOPMENT NOW HAVE MOST ATTRACTIVE EXPORT POTENTIAL DUE TO RECENT DOLLAR DEVALUATIONS.

6. CLEARANCE: ECON/COML, JIDDA: JOEBLAN (BYPHONE).
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